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1. The Bulgarian commercial fleet consists of the following vessels:
  - a. BULGARIA, 7,000 tons;
  - b. RODINA, 5,000 tons;
  - c. SMIRNENSKI, 3,000 tons;
  - d. VAPTSAROV, 3,000 tons;
  - e. KONDOV, 800 tons;
  - f. KASABOV, 800 tons;
  - g. I May, 900 tons;
  - h. DOBRUDZHA, less than 500 tons;
  - i. RILA, less than 500 tons;
  - j. EMONA, 200 tons;
  - k. KALIAKRA, 200 tons; and
  - l. Approximately 200 motorships, ranging from 100 to 400 tons.
2. The motorships assure a regular transport service along the coast from Varna to Odessa and Burgas. There is also a rather irregular schedule of sailings from Varna to Odessa, Burgas, Albania, and Mediterranean ports. Coastal cargo service is primarily by the two small steamers EMONA and KALIAKRA.

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3. Bulgarian sailors are generally paid better than other Bulgarian workers, perhaps because some of them have a chance to "jump ship" in Mediterranean ports. The captain of a ship received 17,000 leva per month (old currency) in addition to 280 leva in free exchange when his ship left Bulgarian waters. Mates received 12,000 leva plus 180 leva in free currency when their ships left Bulgarian waters.

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